



## Volunteers

### GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Cycling UK's annual volunteer awards return this summer, after a two-year break during the pandemic. The awards will be presented in Volunteers' Week (1-7 June). The categories are: most inspiring Cycling UK group; most inspiring individual (open to any Cycling UK volunteer); most inspiring campaign activity; most engaging volunteer-led event of the year. Nominate now! [cyclinguk.org/article/how-thank-volunteers-what-they-do](https://cyclinguk.org/article/how-thank-volunteers-what-they-do)

## Active travel

### RECORD FUNDING IN SCOTLAND

The Scottish Government has increased the active travel budget in Scotland to at least £189m for the year from April. This represents a £39m boost. For the first time, spending on cycling, walking and wheeling will be more than 5% of Scotland's transport budget. It's a welcome investment in active travel at a time when governments are beset by financial pressures.

**69%**  
Proportion of Scots who would cycle more if there was less traffic on the roads (source: Cycling Scotland)



## Road safety

### CODE UNREAD

It's a year since the new Highway Code came into force on 29 January 2022. Its raft of hard-won changes should have made our roads safer for everyone, especially for vulnerable road users – pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

The new rules were the result of 10 years of campaigning by Cycling UK, and wouldn't have been possible without your support. But changing the Code was just half the battle; changing driving habits is the crucial next step.

We made this clear to the

Department for Transport. We did our bit, producing videos and guidance to help drivers, cyclists and pedestrians understand the new rules. Yet we can't reach 65 million road users alone. That's the role of Government.

With no long-term education campaign forthcoming, it's unsurprising, though disappointing, that many road users remain unfamiliar with the updated rules around junctions, overtaking, and the Dutch Reach. Some tentative but positive first steps emerged last summer when THINK!

called on the public to 'travel like you know them'. It avoided the victim-blaming pitfalls of some of the road safety organisation's previous campaigns.

Much more still needs to be done to raise awareness of the new rules. Cycling UK is therefore renewing its call on the Department for Transport to fund a long-term educational campaign to ensure all road users understand the new Highway Code, so that our roads are safer in practice and not just in theory.

[cyclinguk.org/HighwayCode](https://cyclinguk.org/HighwayCode)

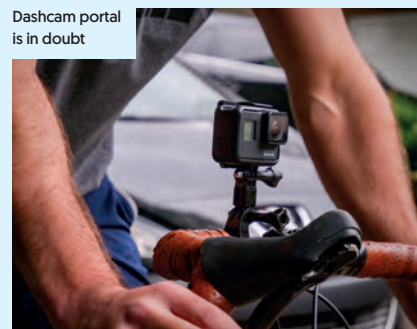


## Scotland

### CAMERAS ACTION

Over 2,000 supporters used our online e-action calling on the Chief Constable of Police Scotland not to scrap a new online camera reporting portal currently in development. A Cycling UK-led campaign had secured the go ahead for the National Dashcam Safety Portal but financial pressures put the new system under threat. We hope the emails

Dashcam portal is in doubt



Left: Robert Spainring

will show Police Scotland that the new system is wanted and needed in Scotland, and must be made a top priority in 2023.